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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council :

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1960.

In 1960 the state of Public Health in the Northallerton Rural District was very satisfactory. The vital statistics compare very favourable with those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comment.

Brucellosis and the widespread use of T.T. (tuberculin tested) milk is now becoming a more obvious problem and pasteurisation appears to be the only answer in ensuring safe milk supplies.

During the year, progress made towards providing the villages in the area with sewerage and sewage disposal facilities was slow mainly due to statutory difficulties concerned with the disposal of farm wastes. The scheme for Appleton Wiske was completed and other schemes have been submitted to the Ministry.

There still remain a number of unfit houses in the district. 5 houses were either closed, demolished, or converted to other uses. Most of the unfit houses are occupied by aged persons and the provision of suitable housing for these people is necessary.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for the help and support I have received from them during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

HARRY DIGGLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(*a*) General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population in mid-year 1960)	8,730
Population (1931 census)	7,683
Population (1951 census)	8,484
Net increase of Resident Population (mid 1959—mid 1960)	10
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	2,458
Number of inhabited houses (1960)	2,996
Rateable value of district (April, 1961)	£78,035
Estimated product of 1d. Rate (March, 1961)	£312

(*b*) Vital Statistics.

	Northallerton R.D.	England and Wales
Live Births		
Number	139	
Rate per 1,000 population	15·9	17·1
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5·36	
Stillbirths—		
Number	6	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	41·3	19·7
Total live and still births	145	
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	12	
Infant Mortality Rates		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	87·1	21·7
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	68·1	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	42·8	
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	28·7	15·6
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	21·5	
Perinatal Mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	62·06	32·9
Maternal mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	6·8	

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Syhilitic Disease	1	0	1
Other infectious and parasitic diseases ..	0	0	0
Malignant disease	14	10	24
Cardio-vascular	35	29	64
Pneumonia	3	3	6
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	2
Digestive diseases	0	1	1
Abortion	0	1	1
Congenital malformations	1	0	1
Other diseases	3	6	9
Motor vehicle accidents	3	0	3
Other accidents	2	2	4
Suicide	0	0	0
Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0
TOTAL DEATHS (ALL CAUSES)	63	53	116

Crude death rate per 1,000 population .. 13·2
Death rate for England and Wales .. 11·5

POPULATION TREND.

	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
Population (Mid-year) ..	8,730	8,720	8,650	8,630	8,580	8,520	8,510	8,484
Birth rate ..	15·9	17·9	17·0	16·3	15·8	16·4	14·8	15·5
Death rate ..	13·2	12·4	11·1	10·7	10·8	11·5	12·2	10·5

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION B.
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratories Facilities.

Laboratories facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road, Northallerton.

Hospital Facilities.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of residents in the area are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with day to day administration dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer. The staff operating in the Northallerton Rural District comprises five District Nurse/Midwives and one health visitor.

Domestic Help Service.

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION C.
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

Details are to found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D.

Housing.

8 bungalows were completed by the Council during the year. In order for the slum clearance programme to proceed, the Council will have to build for this purpose. Since many of the old people in the district live in unfit houses, the building of bungalows particularly in the villages might well be the best method of rehousing and at the same time of dealing with the unfit houses.

Of the unfit houses in the district, 5 were either demolished, closed or converted to uses other than housing.

SECTION E.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles	0	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	2
Tuberculosis	1	0	1

Vaccination and Immunisation.

The following figures indicate the immunisation state of the child population in the area of the Wensleydale Local Health Sub-Committee in which the Northallerton Rural District is included.

Age Group	Immunised
0–4 years	54%
5–14 years	89%

Although it is pleasing to see that a considerable number of children have received a booster dose against diphtheria before starting school it is distressing to find that a number of parents will not allow their children to be immunised at this age. Most of these children were never protected against diphtheria in infancy. Several outbreaks of diphtheria have recently been reported from different parts of the country. Parents should remember that although poliomyelitis has stolen the limelight in recent years, diphtheria can recur at any time with all the dangers and complications that were commonplace twenty years ago.

Smallpox Vaccination.

47% of the children born during the year have been vaccinated against smallpox (19% in 1959).

The rate of smallpox vaccination is improving. Reactions to vaccination are minimal in the first year of life and parents are asked to consult their own doctor about having their children vaccinated at that age.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

A large proportion of your Medical Officer's time during the year wa spent on poliomyelitis vaccination. By the end of the year, 7,380 children aged under 15 years in the Wensleydale Local Health Area (of which the Northallerton Rural District is part) had been vaccinated with two injections. This figure represents some 92% of all the children under 15 years of age compared with 76% in 1959.

In addition some 2,807 older persons had also received two injection and 9,044 children and adults had received a third injection.

TUBERCULOSIS.

(Northallerton R.D.)

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulnomary		Non-pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1–4 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5–14 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15–24 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25–34 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35–44 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45–54 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-64 ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 plus ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

There were 13 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 4 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the register as at the 31st December, 1960. This gives a rate of 1·94 cases of tuberculosis per 1,000 population as compared with 2·63 in 1959.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1960.

General Sanitary Work.

458 inspections and 398 reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 162 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon.

16 Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1960.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	440
Inspection of Council Houses	850
Interviews with Owners and Builders	321
Tents, Vans and Sheds	17
Verminous Premises	1
Total Inspections of Housing Conditions	1,629
Private Slaughterhouses	330
Bakehouses	4
Milk Retailers	8
Ice Cream Sellers	10
Fried Fish Shops	4
Food Preparing Rooms	10
Food Premises	43
Total Inspections with regard to Food	409
Investigations of Complaints	391
Drain Tests	151
Rat Inspections	853
Factories and Workshops	20
Water Supplies	470
Water Samples (Bact.)	24
,, (Chem.)	0
Rivers and Streams	25
Building Construction Inspections	430
Sewage Works Inspections	130
Refuse Tip Inspections	40
Total of other Inspections	2,534
Grand total of Inspections	4,572

Summary of Sanitary Improvements, 1960.

Repairs to Roofs			27
,, ,, Walls, Pointing, etc.			31
,, ,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters			30
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens			33
,, ,, Windows and Doors			40
,, ,, Floors			39
,, ,, Staircases			16
,, ,, Yard Surfaces			15
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains			66
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses			18
Damp conditions remedied			50
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned			1

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved		15
Burst pipes and taps repaired		53
Internal supplies provided		25
Wells cleaned		0

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C.'s and Yard Gullies cleansed		30
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished		56
New Water Closets provided		62
Dust Bins provided and renewed		55

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleaned		167
New sinks provided		70
Systems improved		66
Cesspools and Septic Tanks emptied—Council	73	
Private	20	
	—	93
Water Courses cleaned		10
New Septic Tank		43

Shops and Food Premises.

New Food preparation Apparatus	6
Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Cleansed and Decorated	8
Towels provided	2
Hot Water	1

Factories.

W.C.'s repaired	1
Wall, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments repaired cleansed and painted	3
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments cleansed only	1
New Lighting (to closets)	0

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated	1
TOTAL ..	1,134

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c linc No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	25	27	1	Nil	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers' premises	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
TOTAL		25	27	1	Nil	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	M/c line No.
		Found	Remedied	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
(1)	(2)	3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S. 1.)	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S. 2.)	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3.) ..	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4.)	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6.) ..	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7.)							
(*a*) insufficient	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective	10	2	2	Nil	2	Nil	10
(*c*) Not separate for sexes	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
TOTAL ..		2	2	Nil	2	Nil	

Factories with power.

Year 1960.

Ainderby Steeple	1
Borrowby	2
Brompton	4
East Cowton	1
East Harlsey	1
Great Smeaton	1
Kiplin	1
Morton-on-Swale	1
Osmotherley	4
Romanby	9
	25

Trades.

Builders	8
Bakers	2
Motor Repair Shops	11
Blacksmiths	3
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	2
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	2
Saddlers	1
Joiners	9
	42

Housing and New Buildings.

295 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and building under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1946 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1960	Completed during 1960	Under Construction at end of 1960
Ainderby Steeple ..	7	–	–
Appleton Wiske	1	–	–
Birkby	3	–	1
Brompton	28	1	4
Borrowby	2	–	–
Cotcliffe	2	–	–
Danby Wiske	–	–	1
Deighton	4	–	–
Ellerbeck	1	–	–
East Harlsey	2	–	–
East Cowton	3	–	–
South Cowton	–	–	1
Hornby	2	1	–
Hutton Bonville ..	5	–	–
Great Langton	4	–	–
Little Langton	1	1	–
Great Smeaton	5	–	1
Kirby Sigston	2	–	–
Lazenby	2	–	–
Osmotherley	11	2	1
Over Silton	1	–	–
Nether Silton	1	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	7	–	1
Romanby	125	19	23
Thornton-le-Beans ..	3	1	–
Thrintoft	3	1	–
Warlaby	1	–	–
Welbury	4	–	–
West Harlsey	2	–	–
West Rounton	2	–	–
Whitwell	2	–	–
	236	26	32

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1960	Completed during 1960	Under Construction at end of 1960
Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske	16	–	–
Borrowby	7	–	–
Brompton	84	–	–
Danby Wiske	2	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton	4	–	–
Great Langton	2	–	–
Great Smeaton	4	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston	2	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	14	–	–
Ellerbeck	4	–	–
Romanby	169	8	–
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	–	–
Yafforth	4	–	–
Welbury	2	–	–
Thrintoft	4	–	–
	330	8	–

PLANS ANALYSIS. PLANS. 163 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds and Greenhouses	Cowsheds & Dairies	Other Agricultural buildings	Wash-houses coal-houses & W.C.'s	Total
Appleton Wiske ..	–	–	3	1	1	1	1	7
Ainderby Steeple ..	–	1	–	3	–	1	–	5
Birkby ..	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	3
Brompton ..	1	–	12	4	–	2	5	24
Borrowby ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Cowton East ..	–	1	5	2	–	2	–	10
Cowton South ..	–	2	2	–	–	1	–	5
Cotcliffe ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Danby Wiske ..	–	1	3	–	–	5	1	10
Deighton ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
East Harlsey ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Ellerbeck ..	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Hornby ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2
Hutton Bonville ..	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	2
Langton Great ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	2
Langton Little ..	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2
Lazenby ..	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	2
Morton-on-Swale ..	1	2	–	1	–	1	–	5
Osmotherley ..	–	1	3	7	–	–	–	11
Romanby ..	3	20	4	22	–	–	3	52
Rounton West ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Smeaton Great ..	–	–	3	–	–	1	–	4
Thornton-le-Beans ..	–	–	2	–	–	2	–	4
Thrintoft ..	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	3
Welbury ..	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	3
Yafforth ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
TOTAL ..	5	32	45	43	5	20	13	163

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during quarter	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	4	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	Unfit Houses closed	Displaced during year	
	Number	Persons	Families
(8) Under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	1	Nil	Nil
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

C. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	59	Nil
(12) After formal notice under		
(*a*) Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of quarter		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(*a*) under Section 48	Nil	Nil
(*b*) under Section 17 (2)	Nil	Nil
(*c*) under Section 46	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil

E. Purchase of House by Agreement.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the quarter ..	Nil	Nil

Housing Acts. Improvement Grants.

During the year, 24 ' Discretionary ' grants were approved amounting to an estimated value of £6,784 and 16 ' Standard ' grants amounting to an estimated value of £493. Three-quarters of the money spent on these grants is made available by the Treasury and the remaining quarter out of the local Rate Fund.

Streams and Watercourses.

Streams have been cleansed at Appleton Wiske, Morton-on-Swale an Thrintoft.

As mentioned in previous reports, there is a continuing incidence of pollution of streams throughout the area and no marked improvement can be expected until sewage disposal schemes have been provided for the villages. The wastes from farms, both in and out of the villages, play a large part in polluting conditions as such wastes are stronger than sewage from humans.

Rodent Control.

In exercise of their responsibilities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Council employ a full-time operator.

Dwelling houses may receive a free service for the eradication of rats and mice, but not farms and business premises. The services of the operator are available to farmers, etc., on either a contract or casual basis.

During 1960, 12 months contracts were secured in respect of 49 farms. The total value of the contracts was £359. The highest contract was £12 0s. 0d., and the lowest £5 : the average contract figure being £7 7s. 0d.

Casual treatments were carried out at 6 premises involving 16½ hours at a total recoverable cost of £10 6s. 3d.

The following table shows particulars of work carried out :—

Report to Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for 12 months ended 31st March, 1961.

		Type of Property				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. 1, 2 and 3	(5) Agricultural
I.	Number of properties in Local Authority's District ..	9	2,210	116	2,335	619
II.	Number of properties inspected as a result of : (*a*) Notification	–	–	–	–	–
	(*b*) Survey under the Act ..	9	228	44	281	314
	(*c*) Otherwise (*e.g.* when visited primarily for some other purpose) ..	–	32	10	42	12
III.	Total inspections carried out including re-inspections ..	38	125	59	222	631
IV.	Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by: (*a*) Rats { Major ..	–	–	3	3	12
	{ Minor ..	7	33	13	53	99
	(*b*) Mice { Major ..	–	–	–	–	–
	{ Minor ..	–	7	2	9	3
V.	Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT exceed those given at Sect. IV)	4	40	18	65	114
VI.	Total treatments carried out including re-treatments ..	23	70	37	130	352
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act : (*a*) Treatment	–	–	–	–	–
	(*b*) Structural Work .. (*i.e.* Proofing)	–	–	–	–	–
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act ..	–	–	–	–	–
IX.	Legal Proceedings ..	–	–	–	–	–
X.	Number of " Block " control schemes carried out	Sewer Treatments—Osmotherley, Romanby and Brompton.				

Water Supplies.

The Council's distribution scheme comprises some 90 miles of spun cast iron mains, two main service reservoirs of 400,000 and 200,000 galls. respectively, two high level tanks with ancillary pumping stations, and one water tower. Water is taken from the headworks and filter plant of the Northallerton and District Water Board on which authority the Council have equal representation with the Northallerton Urban District Council. The water supplied is pressure filtered and chlorinated, and is of a high degree of purity.

The Council supply water to the whole of their area with the exception of the Parishes of Brompton and Romanby which are within the statutory area of supply of the Northallerton Urban District Council. Some properties in Thimbleby and Kirby Sigston take a supply from the trunk main of the Urban District Council.

24 Samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination of which 4 proved to be unsatisfactory. 3 were in respect of private supplies and 1 from mains.

Despite drought conditions which prevailed during the Spring, an adequate supply of water was maintained and no restrictions were imposed. Furthermore, the Council were able to make water available to the Stokesley R.D.C. and the Bedale R.D.C. to augment their supplies.

Quantities supplied were as follows :—

Stokesley R.D.C.—9,120,000 galls. (£968 0s 0d.)
Bedale R.D.C. —9,333,000 galls. (£1,166 0s 0d.)

The following Table shows details of houses supplied with water throughout the area :—

Parish	Domestic Properties	Houses supplied by		Private piped supply in houses or metered Cottage—Estimate (3)
		R.V. (1)	Meter (2)	
Ainderby Steeple ..	78	71	8	—
Appleton Wiske ..	118	84	20	8
Birkby ..	16	4	9	1
Borrowby ..	121	86	24	6
Brompton R.D.C. ..	551	11	3	—
Brompton U.D.C. ..	—	528	—	—
Cotcliffe ..	2	—	—	—
Crosby ..	6	—	3	—
Cowton East ..	109	76	17	5
Cowton South ..	46	17	11	4
Danby Wiske ..	69	41	23	1
Deighton ..	29	11	16	1
Ellerbeck ..	20	11	7	—
Harlsey East ..	88	54	16	15
Harlsey West ..	14	4	8	2
Hornby ..	57	31	19	2
Hutton Bonville ..	22	5	9	2
Kiplin ..	22	11	5	13
Kirby Sigston R.D.C.	24	1	5	—
Kirby Sigston U.D.C.	—	17	—	—
Langton Great ..	27	21	3	—
Langton Little ..	21	6	5	10
Landmoth ..	6	—	4	—
Lazenby ..	14	8	3	—
Leake ..	1	—	—	1
Morton-on-Swale ..	73	55	8	8
Otterington North ..	14	1	—	11
Osmotherley ..	251	211	6	18
Romanby R.D.C. ..	658	1	—	30
Romanby U.D.C. ..	—	620	—	—
Rounton West ..	48	29	18	4
Smeaton Great ..	56	45	11	4
Smeaton Little ..	17	5	9	2
Silton Nether ..	39	28	1	10
Silton Over ..	14	8	2	6
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	13	2	7	3
Thrintoft ..	35	24	10	1
Thimbleby R.D.C. ..	24	1	3	2
Thimbleby U.D.C. ..	—	15	—	—
Thornton-le-Beans ..	54	24	15	12
Warlaby ..	13	7	4	—
Welbury ..	60	34	17	3
Whitwell ..	11	2	1	5
Winton ..	16	2	10	3
Yafforth ..	48	28	6	6
	2,905	2,240	346	199
		346		
		2,586		
		199		
		2,785		

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The Council operate 2 refuse collection vehicles *i.e.* S.D. Fore and Aft Tipper 16/18 cubic yards capacity with diesel engine and Karrier Side Loader 12 cubic yard capacity with petrol engine. A weekly collection of bins and pans is made in every village throughout the area. All refuse is tipped at the Council's central tip in Yafforth Road. A new Karrier Side Loader with diesel engine will be acquired in 1961, and bulk fuel will be purchased by the Council with resultant economy.

The following Tables show particulars of the service during the year—

Refuse Collection.

S. & D. Fore and Aft. (TPY 152). (6 Man Crew).

Parish	Emptied		
	Bins	Pans	
Ainderby Steeple ..	1,965	1,644	
Appleton Wiske ..	2,382	1,756	
Brompton ..	23,400	3,276	
Cowton East ..	2,045	1,697	
Danby Wiske ..	1,960	1,726	
Deighton ..	884	398	Total hours worked by crew 13,587
Harlsey East ..	2,688	1,248	
Hornby ..	520	728	
Hutton Bonville ..	821	72	
Kiplin ..	705	—	Total number of loads 467
Langton Great ..	1,824	1,248	
Morton-on-Swale ..	1,410	1,410	
Osmotherley ..	11,440	624	
Romanby ..	43,029	398	Total Mileage 8,071
Rounton West ..	572	676	
Smeaton Great ..	2,024	416	
Streatlam ..	384	—	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	17	8	
Thrintoft ..	598	507	
Warlaby ..	400	—	
Welbury ..	1,872	1,872	
Yafforth ..	650	630	
	101,590	20,334	

Karrier C. K. 3. (HPY 445). (2 Man Crew).

Parish	Emptied			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	240	195	96	
Appleton Wiske ..	—	—	145	
Atley Hill ..	86	—	9	
Borrowby ..	2,900	1,705	74	Total hours worked by crew 3,969
Brompton ..	1,502	249	143	
Cowton East ..	8	—	111	
Crosby ..	381	—	16	
Danby Wiske ..	185	85	34	Total number of loads 349
Harlsey East ..	47	—	32	
Hornby ..	—	—	44	
Hutton Bonville ..	15	—	4	
Kiplin ..	45	6	—	
Kirby Sigston ..	332	5	—	Total Mileage 5,187
Langton Great ..	128	88	54	
Morton-on-Swale ..	120	120	105	
Otterington North ..	21	1	4	
Osmotherley ..	10	—	22	
Romanby ..	327	—	29	
Rounton West ..	—	—	77	
Silton Nether ..	1,175	965	25	
Silton Over ..	396	55	5	
Smeaton Great ..	—	—	96	
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	144	—	—	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	561	426	23	
Thrintoft ..	56	60	45	
Warlaby ..	105	—	—	
Welbury ..	1	—	20	
Yafforth ..	120	165	81	
	8,905	4,125	1,294	

Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following is a list of food premises in the District :—

General Provisions	30
Confectioners	4
Butchers	6
Bakers	2
Greengrocers	1
Cafes	4
Fried Fish Shops	4
Dried Milk Factory	1
Cold Store	1
	53

Premises registered for the sale of ice cream :—

General Provisions	16
Confectioners	4
Cafes	3
	23

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

43 inspections were made and conditions generally were found to be good. 10 informal notices were served and complied with by the proprietors.

There are 27 inns or public houses within the area and the majority of these have now been brought up to the necessary standard.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspections.

There are 5 slaughterhouses situate at :—

Brompton
Danby Wiske
Morton-on-Swale
Great Smeaton
West Rounton

During the year, 330 visits were made to slaughterhouses. The following Table gives details of carcases and offals inspected and condemned.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part of Year ending 1960.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed ..	416	5	14	1,434	456	Nil
Number inspected ..	416	5	14	1,434	456	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcase condemned ..	Nil	1	Nil	1	4	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	25	Nil	Nil	6	5	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	6·02%	20%	Nil	0·49%	1·94%	Nil
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned ..	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	Nil
Percentages of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	0·24%	Nil	Nil	Nil	1·31%	Nil
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 1 ton 1 cwt. 3 stone. In addition 54 tins of food (mainly corned beef) were condemned—principally at The Cold Store, Romanby—the total weight being 2 cwts. 6 lbs.

Various other foods condemned totalled 42 lbs.

All condemned meat is stained and removed to the premises of approved firms for rendering and the recovery of non-edible fats and oils.

During the year, as required by the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, a report on slaughterhouse facilities within the area was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Drainage and Sewerage.

As previously stated, the most outstanding problem in the field of environmental sanitation is the lack of proper sewerage and sewage-treatment facilities in the great majority of villages throughout the area. One cannot over-emphasize the necessity of securing proper sewers and sewage works at the earliest opportunity. It is appreciated that some delay has ensued in making a start on schemes through pending changes in legislation regarding the acceptance and treatment of farm wastes ; nevertheless, when technical difficulties have been overcome and even though financial outlay may be considerable, one trusts the Council will face the challenge with the same imagination and boldness as was applied to the district water scheme.

The sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Appleton Wiske was completed and brought into use during the year.

The Council possess a small portable cesspool emptying appliance and settling tanks in the villages are cleaned out twice yearly or, in some cases, more frequently if circumstances warrant. In addition, private septic tanks are cleaned out on request and for which a charge is made. During the year, 13 private tanks received attention involving 34 working hours. The sum recovered was £32 10s. 8d. The appliance was also hired to a building contractor for an aggregate of 20 hours at a charge of £13 4s. 2d. 38 village settling tanks were cleansed on two occasions during the year.

The following table shows details of new sewers laid during 1960.

Parish	Lin. Yards	Diam.
Appleton Wiske ..	435	12 ins.
do ..	80	9 ins.
do ..	630	6 ins.
do ..	200	4 ins.
Romanby ..	1,451	6 ins.

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following water closets were provided by way of conversions :—

Parish	No.
Ainderby Steeple	3
Appleton Wiske	5
Borrowby	1
Brompton	9
Danby Wiske	2
East Cowton	6
Great Smeaton	1
Hutton Bonville	2
Morton-on-Swale	4
Osmotherley	4
Romanby	4
Streatlam	1
Thornton-le-Beans	1
Thrintoft	1
Kiplin	2
Nether Silton	1
Crosby	1
South Cowton	2
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Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is none within the rural area to which the public have access. There is a private pool at a residential property in Osmotherley. The water is obtained from a private well and is filtered and chlorinated.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. TEMPLEMAN.

J. Walker, Printer, Northallerton